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THE SOUTH GETS MORE GOP DELEGATES

The Republican National Committee has adopted an apportionment plan which will boost the total number of delegates at the Republican National Convention to 1,223.

This means an increase of 117 delegates over the number which were qualified to attend and vote in the 1952 Republican National Convention. The interesting part of the increase is that of the 117 deelgates added, 96 are from thirteen Southern and border states.

Texas now sends the sixth largest delegation to the Republican National Convention. Texas, which voted for President Eisenhower in 1952, has had its delegation increased from 38 to 54 for the 1956 convention. Three other states considered to be solidly Democratic in Dixie also voted for President Eisenhower in 1952. They were Tennessee, Florida and Virginia.

It will be remembered that Eisenhower also carried such border states as Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma and Delaware. In fact, Stevenson, Eisenhower's opponent, carried only West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Georgia Arkansas and Alabama—of the forty-eight states.

While the electoral vote was one-sided in favor of Eisenhower, 442 to 89, the popular vote was closer, from a percentage standpoint, being 33,938,285 for Eisenhower and 27,312,217 for Stevenson.

The decision of the Republican National Committee to add 96 delegates to states from the South and border states means that this section of the country will have a larger voice in Republican Party affairs in 1956.

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TREND TOWARD NEWSPAPER CHAINS

The recent sale of The Birmingham News and all of its subsidiaries to Publisher F. I. Newhouse, who already owns a chain of newspapers, is another significant development toward wider chain ownership of newspapers in the United States.

Although the United States has not progressed as far along this line as have the British, and some other countries, the trend in this direction has been toward chains of newspapers for some time. Acquisition of the Birmingham newspaper, and the Huntsville Times, of Huntsville, Alabama, brought to thirteen the number of newspapers in Mr. Newhouse's chain. In addition to acquiring these two newspapers, Mr. Newhouse also acquired a television station, three radio stations and a freight line in the deal.

We do not criticize Mr. Newhouse or any other financial magnate who sets as his goal the acquisition of a number of newspapers and builds himself a chain of papers in various parts of the country. It is true, however, that this trend, carried to extreme, could decrease the amount of individuality and freedom exhibited in the nation's daily newspapers.

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Santa Claus reports that he is getting urgent messages every day now.

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Problems would not be so hard to solve if no one wanted to get more than they were entitled to.

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The man who does not attend to his duties promptly, eventually has few duties to attend to.

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An open mind is an asset, but don't let your mind become so open that nothing stays in it.

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If in doubt, do a favor for a person who refused to do one for you.

Richard D. Robinson

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

New Light on an Old Subject

Mr. Evans from the Lighting Company gave an interesting talk at the Community Hall last night—on how farmers can cut electric bills. For those who missed it, here's a short recap.

Don't try to light up the cobwebs in the rafters. Use a reflector and a smaller bulb will probably do the job. Too many farmers use naked bulbs that waste 50% of the light.

Try using moveable projector bulbs that beam light the way a searchlight does. A couple of these "spots" will often give you better illumination than a gang of juice-wasting overhead lamps.

From where I sit, it's amazing how often we *misuse* the things we have . . . like electricity. We also make a mistake if we misuse our right of personal choice—about which candidate to vote for, say, or whether beer or coffee makes the ideal mealtime drink—by trying to force our opinions on others. Respect for the other fellow's point of view should be our "guiding light."

Joe Marsh

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HOLIDAYS ARE HAZARD DAYS

Turkeys are not the only creatures which experience a drop in life expectancy during the holiday season.

The Christmas - New Year holiday season also is the most hazardous single period of the year for homo sapiens — that's us.

Last year, according to Nationa Safety Council statistics, 515 persons were accidentally killed in two days at Christmas time. Traffic accidents caused 392 of these deaths — fire and miscellaneous accidents, 123.

Over two days at New Year's, 362 persons were killed — 296 in traffic accidents, 66 in fire and miscellaneous accidents.

This is a total of 877 killed needlessly at what should be the happiest time of the year for everyone.

Year after year the accident toll hits a peak in December. The holiday season coincides with many winter traffic hazards. In many parts of the country streets and highways are dangerously slippery. Fog, rain, snow, sleet and fewer hours of daylight reduce the viaibility of both driver and pedestrian.

Family get togethers impel people to drive long distances regardless of weather. Shopping draws more people onto the streets.

It is a season ofgaiety, to be sure, but gaiety to be enjoyed only if you resolve to protect yourself from accident and to "Be Your Brother's Keeper."

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WHY THE COTTON SURPLUS INCREASES

Those who wonder why the supply of cotton being held by the United States Government steadily increases from year to year should take a look at the latest figures on world cotton consumption.

They show that consumption of cotton in all the world, not counting the United States, amounts to about 26.6 million bales today. Of that 26.6 million bales, countries other than the United States supply over 23 million bales. The United States supplies only 3.4 million bales.

This amounts to about 13 per cent of the word's cotton consumption (not counting U. S. consumption). To show what has happened since the years before Word War II, a look at pre World War II figures is in order.

In the late 1930's, the world consumed something over 21 million bales of cotton in an average year. This was about five million bales less than is being consumed outside the United States today.

But, instead of the United States supplying 13 per cent of that cotton, this country's growers supplied about 26 per cent of this consumption. That amounted to over five and a half million bales of cotton exported, or supplied to other countries, by the United States.

Today, the United States supplies only 3.4 million bales to other countries and, therefore, the decline is one of over two million bales a year.

When one notes that the Government's cotton surplus has increased about two million bales between 1952 and 1953, over four million bales between 1953 and 1954, slightly over one million bales between 1954 and 1955, and is expected to increase another three million bales between this year and next year, one can see that the 11 million bale surplus, which is the estimated surplus as of now, would be reduced to three million bales—a reasonable figure—if foreign consumption of U. S. cotton had not declined steadily.

This indicates that if the surplus problem is to be licked, the United States might have to consider a two-price system, which will allow U. S. cotton to be sold abroad cheaper than it is sold in this country.

Another alternative would be for this country to get rid of some of its surplus cotton in countries where loans would have to be made to create a market for it. One way or another, this steady rise in the cotton surplus will have to be checked, as well in the rise in other commodities.

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Despite the short cuts and quick cures, there is no easy way to anything that is worth much.

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One reason why crime may be more prevalent than ever might be because it is certainly getting better publicity.

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There may be a reason to complain of slow mail service, but bills have a way of arriving on time.

Chick Chats

Chickens get colds like humans. In fact, they are subject to a greater variety of respiratory ills than anything else.

"Colds"—as the poultryman calls them— may be one of a number of conditions. Infectious coryza is one specific cold, infectious bronchitis may be called by this loose name, or CRD (chronic respiratory disease) may go under the same sobriquet.

Infectious Coryza

Infectious coryza is a bacterial cold which spreads rapidly within a flock or pen. It affects young adults and adults, lasts 10 days to months and may cause mortality as high as 25%—but usually much less.

There is a profuse nasal discharge ("wet beak") which is first watery, then sticky. There are characteristic soft swellings of the face which contain fluid.

Sodium sulfathiazole, a drug that is contained in commercial formulations is specific for coryza. Treatment is by medicated drinking water.

Infectious Bronchitis

An acute disease affecting chickens of all ages. It results in severe is porbably the most widespread respiratory disease.

Symptoms include gasping, rales, and coughing. Egg production drops sharply, and the few eggs laid are often misshapen, rough, or soft-shelled. Interior equ quality is poor.

Once established, bronchitis is difficult to control. But immunity is readily produced by vaccination, which may be done by individual intranasal method or by one of the mass methods—drinking water, or spray, or dust.

CRD

CRD is a chronic disease of chickens of al lages. It results in severe weight losses and some mortality.

Symptoms are not unlike those of other diseases, although CRD usually spreads much more slowly.

Treatment of CRD consists of giving antibiotic by injection, spray, or drinking water, and stimulating feed consumption.

For over-all control of respiratory conditions in the laying house, management practices should be carefully checked.

DISPLAY AT FARMVILLE

Farmville, Va.- Hidden beauty revealed in rocks and minerals usually drab in appearance, by violet rays in a display of fluorescent minerals in the Science Museum at Longwood College. The permanent display in the museum on the second flood of Stevens Hall is open to the public.

Ultra violet or black light bulbs, not blue purple, red, green, yellow and many rich colors in the fluorescent minerals. It is used by research scientists and investigators to identify minerals and many other substances especially in the petroleum industry and in seeking materials tungsten, and uranium ores.

Minerals usually absorb light rays, reflect others, and change still others into heat energy. But minerals that have the property of changing the wave length of ultra violet rays and emitting different colored lights which are visible to the eye are known as fluorescent minerals.

Some of the most beautiful lights in the Longwood flourescent display are the green of opal, red of corundum, violet of calcite, and white with black and green dots of scheelite.

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Man of Prayer

Lesson for December 18, 1955

Dr. Foreman

SOME people will try to tell you that we can learn nothing from the fact that Jesus was a man of prayer. He was so different from us, they say, that we must not even try to imitate him than we imitate Einstein. This is not the way the New Testament looks at it, not the way Christian theology looks at it. Jesus "had to be made like his brethren in every respect," we are told in Hebrews 2:17. The church theologians call this "consubstantial with us according to his humanity" which is a way of saying that he is every bit as human as we are. Without sin, to be sure. The only prayer for forgiveness which he ever uttered was on behalf of others, not himself. If even the Divine Son of God was a man of prayer, surely we who are imperfect and sinful need prayer even more; and we can learn about prayer from him.

The Motive of Prayer

One thing stands out: Jesus' motive or motives for praying must have been far stronger than the motive of most of us. Jesus could go without sleep or rest in order to pray. He, a man who had many friends and loved to have people around him, would withdraw from all human companionship, would go far into the hills, would climb a high mountain, all in order to find a place where he could pray without interruption. In short, he took a great deal of trouble to pray. We take no trouble, because we don't feel the strong desire that he felt. But why? What was his motive? It is not so mysterious that we cannot give it a name, though it is profound for us to fathom in the depths. It was his heart's desire for close and closer sharing of heart and life with the heart and life of the heavenly Father. Jesus shows no sign of trying to "get right" with God. He was in full harmony to his life's end. But his prayers were an expression of that harmony. The piano tuner makes the strings of his instrument ring true; but the musician then brings out the beauty that is there when all is in tune.

The Manner of Prayer

Dr. W. D. Chamberlain has written a book for plain Christians called "The Manner of Prayer," based on the Lord's Prayer. This is the place to borrow many pages from that fine book. Yet a word should be said about the manner of Jesus' prayer in general. We know that he used to attend the synagogue meetings, and we know that in those meetings formal what we would call "printed" prayers were used, in which doubtless Jesus would join. But we hear a great deal more about his private prayers, and we can be pretty sure that for these occasions he never took a prayer-book with him. His prayers were personal, individual, they were his, and many of them were fully private, strictly between himself and His Father. This much is clear for our own prayer-practice: whatever formal prayers we may use in church, or whatever may be praying there for and with us, if "leading" in prayer means anything, this can never substitute for personal, private prayer. We must never be cast down to any formula, as if prayer were something like a business who would not consider communication not in proper form! God wants to know most of all not how we say it but how much we mean it.

The Matter of Prayer

What things is it right to pray for? We can be sure of this much at least. It is always right to pray for the kind of thing which is in harmony with the "Lord's Prayer." (Incidentally, the fact that this prayer appears in more than one form in the gospels shows that it can hardly be right to insist on one set form of words.) Things not mentioned in that prayer, perhaps yes; but things out of line with it, no. Let us rather consider which of these aspects of prayer are in line with the Lord's prayer: A promotion at the job? Greater spiritual strength? The cure of an afflicted loved one? Foreign missions? An erring child? The President of the United States? The elimination of a rival in love or business?

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WASHINGTON NOTES

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Surgeon-General of the U. S. Public Health Service recently held out the prospect that paralytic poliomyelitis, venereal disease, tuberculosis and rheumatic fever would be virtually wiped out by 1985. He also reported that the Salk vaccine shots had cut the incidence of paralytic polio by upward of sixty-seven per cent this year.

FOREIGN AID

The United States has provided more than $51,000,000,000 in foreign aid in the last ten years, according to the Commerce Department. Of this total, $40,000,000,000 was in the form of grants and the other $11,000,000,000 as loans. The Western European countries received nearly two-thirds of the foreign aid, or $34,403,000,000, while the next biggest aid area encompassed Asia and the Pacific countries, which received a total of $9,468,000,000 in grants and $685,000,000 in loans.

INFLATION BAR

The Federal Reserve Board has recently started a double crackdown on credit in an effort to counter inflation. Effective on Nov. 18, the Reserve Board permitted six Reserve banks to hike the discount rate from two and a quarter per cent to two and a half per cent—the most restrictive lending cost enforced by the Reserve System in twenty years—since the first half of 1935. Up to then, until late last year, the Reserve Bank lending rate had never topped two per cent.

MERGERS

Staff economists of the Federal Trade Commission are somewhat alarmed at the number of business mergers taking place in 1955, which will break all records for a quarter of a century. Such "acquisitions and mergers" in manufacturing and mining will probably exceed 500 this year—a third more than in 1954, and the largest since 1930, where there were 799. The peak year was 1929, when there were 1,245.

NEW HOUSING

The Labor Department recently reported that new housing starts in October showed a five per cent drop from September, which was "about as expected for this time of the year." The October count was 107,000, within four per cent of the record for the month, set in 1954. They brought to 1,161,000 the number of housing units put under construction during the first ten months of 1955, which compares to the January-October record of 1,215,000 starts in 1950.

EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND

The Eisenhower Administration has decided to hold back as much as twenty per cent of the funds appropriated by Congress for economic and technical assistance abroad. The money thus saved, probably as much as $100,000,000, will be put into an emergency reserve fund.

AIR TRAVEL

The Pentagon has announced it was preparing a list of all Air Force plane flights made by members of Congress since January 1, 1953. The information was requested on November 1 by the Senate Preparedness Investigating subcommittee. The list is expected to show who went where and who accompanied them in the Congressional traveling in the United States and overseas.

ARMY WANTS DOCTORS

In order to attract more physicians and dentists into the service, the Army is offering them faster promotions than other officers. Medical officers would be eligible for promotion to the ranks of major, lieutenant colonel and colonel one year sooner than other officers. There is a shortage of Army doctors in the career category.

ARCTIC TOWNS

One result envisioned by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd from the current Anartic expedition would be the beginning of permanent human habitation of that icy continent. He thinks that eventual establishment of small "villages" populated by perhaps 500 persons, is a distinct possibility.

Alson is named No. 1 pilot in National League.

IRON GOES VISITING

Turners Falls, Mass.- Mrs. Jeanette Lowe, a third-floor resident of an apartment building, went out, leaving her iron on. The iron burned through the ironing board, fell to the floor, burned through the floor, and dropped into the second floor apartment of Mrs. Stephan Brozo. Had not the fall of the iron disconnected the iron, it might have caused more than a smouldering fire, firemen said.

The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that the armed services could not court-martial honorably discharged soldiers after their return to civilian life for crimes committed while in service.

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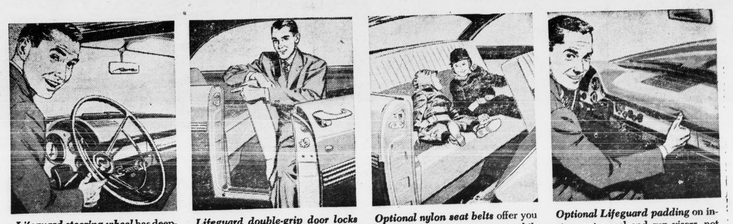

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